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PROGRESS REPORT
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Second year grants

Agreements were signed with ABC Nepal, CeLRRd, Maiti Nepal, NGO Federation and WOREC and negotiations are underway with NNAGT. These partner NGOs prepared second-year proposals that addressed gaps observed in the current program with the help of the now-finalized baseline report.

Rights-based community education

ABC Nepal trained 43 elected women representatives in three districts (Nawalparasi, Chitwan and Dhading) anti trafficking over four days. CeLRRd provided anti-trafficking orientation for transport workers to 125 persons in all the five program districts. Maiti Nepal conducted a total of six three-day anti-trafficking training sessions for students and teachers, of which two sessions were held in Banke and one session each was held in Chitwan, Nawalparasi, Dhanusha, and Dhading. A total of 116 students and teachers participated.

NGO Federation organized four VDC-level two-day sessions on conceptual clarity training, covering seven VDCs and 279 participants. Two-day conceptual clarity training was conducted for NGOs, CBOs and youth clubs of 10 working VDCs of Dhading. The 251 participants in the adolescent girls rights-based training from the 10 VDCs formed adolescent groups to combat trafficking at the end of the training.

Safe-migration alternatives

Overseas migrants, employment agency rights training

Orientation to employment agencies on issues related to safe migration was carried out following the development of a training manual on pre departure and migration counseling specifically for women. The manual is to be refined and published by the next quarter. A booklet titled *Baideshik rojgar ma jane le jannai parne kura haru*, for migrant workers seeking foreign employment, has already been published.

Safe migration counseling for women

Safe Migration counselors hired in September were provided five days training on safe migration and counseling skills by WOREC. The trainees from NGO Federation of Nepal (NFN) further provided and will continue to provide safe migration counseling to women and orientation to employment agencies at the district-levels.

Analysis of policies surrounding migrant labor

CeLRRd has drafted a research report on *Analysis of Law and Policy on Labor Migration and Its Nexus with Trafficking*, after completing four district-level dissemination and consultation workshops in Kathmandu, Nepalgunj, Bhairawa and Parsa. Sixty different government line agencies and organizations participated in these dissemination workshops. The review, which analyzed the laws and regulations related to migrant labor in the context of women's rights and the problem of trafficking, will be published in the next quarter after incorporating feedback from the dissemination workshops. Further, a research-based awareness booklet for migrant workers focusing on migration rights will be produced in the next quarter.

Capacity building within government and NGOs

All partner organizations worked to mobilize the anti-trafficking task forces in their respective target districts and VDCs. ABC Nepal organized a two-day workshop to establish the district and municipality task forces of Nawalparasi district. ABC also facilitated the formation of ten VDC task forces and provided them two days of orientation and training. A total of 200 persons participated in the training.

CeLRRd organized ten one-day orientation workshops for VDC-level task forces after formation. A total of 260 persons took part in the orientations which revolved around discussion of conceptual issues related to trafficking as well as the responsibility of the VDC task forces. In addition, six training sessions were conducted for 78 VDC task force members. Maiti Nepal facilitated the formation of task forces in eight VDCs of Banke district. Anti-trafficking conceptual clarity training was organized 2 members each from these VDCs. Training for other members will be done in the second year.

After organizing task forces in their program VDCs, NFN conducted a two-day sensitization workshop for 24 district task force members to make them aware of the provisions of the national plan of action. Subsequently, a one-day VDC-level joint workshop was organized for all 10 VDCs in which 91 members participated. They reviewed their rights and responsibilities and prepared an action plan regarding anti-trafficking activities during the workshop. NFN also provided two days of training on safe mobility and migration for district and VDC task forces in all five districts with technical support from WOREC. District level participants numbered 127, while participants from three VDCs each in the five districts totaled 290. WOREC also facilitated the formation of task forces in ten VDCs of Dhanusha district. Training and joint activities with these task forces have been planned for the second year.

Cross-sectoral meetings

Cross-sectoral meetings are expected to overcome community weaknesses in combating trafficking by uniting community forces. The aim is to build common rights-based perspectives across communities in crafting anti-trafficking initiatives.

ABC Nepal organized a two-day cross sectoral-orientation and training workshop for the district and municipality level task forces in Nawalparasi. Thirty participants attended the workshop, including the Chief District Officer, district advocates, NGO representatives, government officials, ward representatives, and other politicians. CeLLRd organized a coordination and consultative workshop with 18 participants from district task Force and 20 VDC chairpersons. Uniformity in understanding about the roles and responsibilities of various actors was discussed. The meeting resulted in the formulation of guidelines for the formation of 20 VDC task forces.

Similarly, Maiti Nepal organized a third cross-sectoral meeting in November, intended to ensure the commitment of various agencies/NGOs to and networking on anti trafficking. NFN organized a cross-sectoral workshop in October to familiarize various Dhading-based organizations with anti-trafficking activities conducted by NFN and district and VDC task forces in order to avoid duplication. The 30 participants were all women and included representatives of various government and non-government line agencies including the Dhading anti trafficking network. WOREC organized a fourth quarterly coordination meeting with the DDC task force in Dhanusha.

Orientation on trafficking to other NGO networks

NNAGT staff participated in a regional training program conducted by UNIFEM to strengthen their capabilities to manage automation of their resource center. NNAGT intend to promote the center as a national-level resource and documentation center. NNAGT also updated their database on organizations working on women's development and anti trafficking, and issued four district-level mapping exercises on Dhanusha, Makwanpur, Morang, and Surkhet. Their fourth quarterly publication containing information on in-country activities and national/international presentations was published and disseminated to network members. The network also published a book titled *Women's right: Its challenges and sensitivity* in English and Nepali for grassroot and national-level NGO workers. A talk program on the "Need of Resource Center Automation for Dynamic and Systematic Documentation and Information Sharing" was conducted on December 31, 2002.

NGO Federation provided three five-day training workshops to NGOs, CBOs, and youth group members of Nawalparasi, Dhading, and Chitwan districts. Attended by 79 participants, these workshops focused on anti trafficking network strengthening. Anti trafficking networks were formed for each of the targeted districts after the workshops.

Publications

WOREC published a set of resource manuals and materials in Nepali for the use of all partners:

- a rights-based anti-trafficking manual *Sambahak* for the use of community workers;
- a reference book on anti trafficking *Sambahak 2* for community workers;
- anti trafficking information kit *Jyoti* for NGO/CBO workers;
- a book detailing national and international legal provisions on human trafficking;
- safe migration kit for foreign employment seekers;

- a Nepali translation of *Human Rights and Trafficking in Persons* published by GAATW for NGOs, activists, and others;
- two group-specific manuals for adolescents--*Sneha* containing information on all forms of violence, issues of trafficking, and VDC task force, and *Sandesh*, to provide conceptual clarity to the authorities in formulating strategies in the field to combat the problem.

Strengthening care and support systems

CVICT developed a case management system for ABC Nepal, Maiti Nepal, and WOREC consisting of the following components:

- case responsibility system: a single counselor is responsible for processing a client-- from intake through counseling to discharge, including arranging for referrals;
- documentation system: five forms were introduced (intake and assessment form, session report form, referral form, and supervision/ case analysis form, group counseling recording form); some were developed by CVICT and some were adapted from forms that were in use by the NGOs;
- case conference: sharing of observations about client progress within an internal multidisciplinary team consisting of doctor, psychiatrist, social worker, lawyer, management, and counselor; and
- monitoring and assessment tools: were introduced to counselors.

Monitoring and program support

During the reporting period, Foundation program officers provided continuous support to partner NGOs. In addition to individual meetings in person and by telephone, a field visit was conducted in Chitwan. Field visits to Dhading and Banke are planned in January.

Issues and constraints

Political instability due to the ongoing Maoist insurgency and dissolution of local government were constraints to district-level task force and community-level advocacy activities. However, these constraints were no insurmountable and most activities remained on target. Research and other activities that require intensive movements at the field level have been deferred to the next quarter.